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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of September 11, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. The period for response has been extended to expire on January 11, 2004 by the filing herewith of a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and payment of the required fee.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.